

# 7 Principles

## Framework Principles for Development of a Central Waterfront Plan

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### Environmental Sustainability

Develop the waterfront as a model of environmental sustainability through redevelopment and public improvements that enhance marine habitat and migration, improve water and air quality, and reduce noise.

### Destination & Movement

Improve the waterfront's accessibility for people while acknowledging its critical role as a transportation corridor to and through Downtown. Ensure that the multiple modes of transportation serving the waterfront are well integrated with each other and with the larger downtown and regional transportation network.

### Authenticity & Identity

Keep the waterfront real by accommodating functions that serve local community needs and by maintaining connections with the area's past. Promote development that reinforces the uniqueness of place, reveals the dynamic nature of the shoreline, and reflects the spirit of the people of Seattle and the Puget Sound region.

### Balance & Integration

As an overarching principle, strike a workable balance for integrating nature, human activities, economic development, and transportation to create a functional, ecologically sound, and beautiful waterfront.

### Diversity & Flexibility

Plan for the waterfront's future in a manner that recognizes the area's dynamic nature and the need to respond to conditions likely to change over time. Make the waterfront an exciting urban neighborhood and regional destination that accommodates multiple functions, including recreation and public gathering, working waterfront activity, a place for people to live and work, and habitat conservation.

### Economic Development

Promote a healthy economy and attract investment to the Puget Sound region by developing the area as a modern, urban, working waterfront and a major recreational and cultural amenity that serves as a symbol of the region's vitality and livability.

### Access & Connection

Make public use and access the primary objective for redeveloping the central waterfront. Increase physical and visual access to the shoreline and link the waterfront with inland areas so that each area reinforces the other and contributes to a cohesive downtown.

Waterfront Streetcar



Growing Vine Street "Cistern Steps" demonstrates sustainable design



Ferry commuters on Marion Street bridge



Seawall with habitat suggested by People for Puget Sound



Seattle Aquarium exhibit



View of central waterfront from Pier 66



Canoe welcoming ceremony as part of Salmon Homecoming, Waterfront Park



Young dancer at Salmon Homecoming



Harbor Steps integrates housing, retail and open space



Proposed Colman Dock redevelopment and Pier 48 habitat restoration



Port of Seattle container facility



Proposed Colman Dock redevelopment on Alaskan Way



Pike Place Hillclimb provides an east to west connection



These principles reflect key values expressed by Seattleites. They are not presented in order. However, one overarching principle emerges among the range of the public input for this critical area — the need to balance and integrate the multiple and potentially competing purposes for this area. The central waterfront is expected to accommodate private land uses, transportation, the natural habitat, and public spaces.